Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 12 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Wednesday 13 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 12 Jan 2021 at 02:57 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a cold and mainly dry day on Tuesday and for snow slowly spreading from west later Wednesday, but Low confidence for how quickly any milder air spreads in on Wednesday and for snow amounts and for how quickly things improve on Thursday

Headline for Tuesday 12 Jan 2021: Mostly fine, dry and very cold, but rather cloudy at first in north with the odd light snow shower in morning.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 12 Jan 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** Low Likelihood
Gales High Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
30%	10%	00%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Tuesday 12 Jan 2021

Weather: Cloudy at times in the north with a few light snow showers this morning, with widespread frost and ice, otherwise dry and very cold with clear spells then sunny spells through the day. A veil of high cloud will likely spread form west through the evening, though there will still be some clear spells.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Mostly 90% with little cloud over the tops, but 60% in north overnight and at first Tuesday with occasional broken cloud down to 600m, perhaps 450m at times

Visibility: Very good or excellent, but briefly moderate or perhaps poor with showers

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/40 NW	25/32 NW	20/25 NW	19/26 NW	17/23 NW	13/18 NW	11/15 NW
900	21/24 NW	16/19 W	13/17 NW	12/17 W	11/14 W	8/11 W	6/8 SW
600	11/14 W	10/13 W	7/12 W	8/12 W	7/11 W	6/10 W	4/7 W
300	2/11 NW	3/7 W	4/11 W	5/10 W	4/8 SW	4/8 SW	3/7 SW
Glen	5/21 NW	5/17 NW	5/16 NW	4/15 W	4/12 W	3/9 W	2/5 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-8/-19	-8/-17	-7/-16	-8/-16	-9/-17	-8/-15	-8/-14
900	-5/-13	-4/-11	-4/-10	-4/-10	-6/-11	-5/-10	-5/-9
600	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-6	-3/-7	-3/-6	-3/-5
300	-2/-4	-2/-4	0/-2	-0/-3	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5
Glen	-1/-5	-1/-5	1/-2	1/-2	-1/-4	-2/-4	-4/-6
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	200m	200m	100m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Bitterly cold, with a significant chill, even with winds easing. Some glare from lying snow, though a low sun angle. Much stronger winds at first on the Cairngorm Plateau than table values, up to 80mph

Forecast for Wednesday 13 Jan 2021

Weather: Dry with variable amounts of high cloud overnight and some clear spells, but again very cold with a widespread sharp frost. Cloud slowly increasing and lowering from west through Wednesday, bringing outbreaks of snow to Ben Hope towards dusk and this will spread northeast through the rest of the day, though probably not reaching Ben Rinnes and the Lecht until the early hours of Thursday . Snow will become heavy at times, with blizzard conditions over even the modest tops and a good deal of hill fog will form, perhaps extensive down above 400m in south

Maximum wind: Southeast 5-10mph gradually increasing 15mph in afternoon, but 25 gust 40mph in evening

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% at first, slowly falling to around 40% in afternoon as cloud becomes persistent down to 900m, but 600m in southwest by dusk. Then chance falling to 10% in all but the far northeast as snow brings extensive cloud down to 600m, but as low as 400m in far south.

Visibility: Very good, falling poor as snow arrives, but very poor with heavy snow and almost nil in blizzard conditions.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 to minus 5 C rising slowly to plus 1 or 2 C
At 800m: Minus 2 or minus 3 C
Freezing level: 300m, perhaps rising to 500m in far southwest later.

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